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CORRECTION: An earlier news release stated the defendant pleaded to first-degree murder.

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Man Convicted of Killing His Child's Mother in Long Beach

A 32-year-old man pleaded no contest today to fatally shooting his ex-girlfriend during a domestic violence incident in 2015, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Eric Jerome Williams Jr. of Long Beach pleaded no contest to one count of second-degree murder in case NA103253. The defendant also admitted a special allegation that he personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced May 18 in Department S22 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch. Williams is expected to be sentenced to 40 years to life in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Troy Davis of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said Williams and victim Jerica Owens were in a relationship for several years and lived together before they broke up. The two also shared a son, the prosecutor added.

On Dec. 22, 2015, Williams met with Owens and their 20-month-old son in the 1900 block of Chestnut Avenue in Long Beach when the two got into an argument, the prosecutor said.

During the fight, Williams pulled out a gun and shot the victim several times in the head in front of their son, the prosecutor said. The defendant then fled the area with their child, the prosecutor added.

Following the shooting, law enforcement located Williams at a friend's home. The defendant was subsequently arrested and charged on Dec. 24, 2015.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.